



COUNTY OF BARRHEAD NO. 11

Province of Alberta

BYLAW NO. 2-2026

Amending Land Use Bylaw No. 4-2024

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A Bylaw of the County of Barrhead No. 11, in the Province of Alberta, to amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 4-2024.

WHEREAS, the *Municipal Government Act*, of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, and amendments thereto, authorizes the Council to establish and amend a Land Use Bylaw, and

WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary and desirable to amend the Land Use Bylaw to add “Data Processing Facility” as a Discretionary Use in the Agricultural Land Use District;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts as follows:

1. That the Land Use Bylaw of the County of Barrhead No. 11, Bylaw 4-2024, be amended as follows:

a) In Section 12. Agricultural Land Use District (AG), subsection 12.3 Discretionary Uses, add “Data Processing Facility (Minor)” to the list of discretionary uses.

b) In Section 3.1 Definitions, add

“**DATA PROCESSING FACILITY (MINOR)**” means a data processing facility consisting of modular or portable structures. Such facilities include on-site power generation systems less than 10 MW, as part of the development and do not require the use of water-based cooling systems that draw on external water sources. However, to further clarify, a water-based cooling system that is a closed-loop system may be considered. These are generally for temporary, mobile or lower capacity operations;”

AND

“**DATA PROCESSING FACILITY (MAJOR)**” means a data processing facility that requires 10 MW or more regardless of whether that power is supplied by the electrical grid, on-site generation, or a combination thereof;

c) In Section 10.11 Data Processing Facilities, amend subsection 10.11.7 to read as follows:

“Any development shall be designed to mitigate all off-site nuisance factors including excessive noise, odour, traffic dust, light pollution and other impacts to the satisfaction of the Development Authority. A Mitigation Plan shall be provided at the time of development permit application to demonstrate that these nuisance factors have been mitigated.”

d) In Section 10.11 Data Processing Facilities, add

10.11.8 A Data Processing Facility (Minor) shall not involve the use of water-based cooling systems.

10.11.9 A Data Processing Facility (Minor) is permitted as a discretionary use only where on-site energy generation is utilized and where the facility is co-located with an existing oil and gas facility.

10.11.10 A development permit for a Data Processing Facility (Minor) shall not be issued until any necessary permits/licenses/approvals are obtained from the Provincial Government and any applicable provincial regulatory agencies, where required.

10.11.11 Proponent of a Data Processing Facility (Minor) may be required to submit a Reclamation Plan to the County for its ratification and approval, prior to, or as a condition of, development permit approval.



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- 10.11.12 Proponent of a Data Processing Facility (Minor) may, at the discretion of the Development Authority, be required to post with the County security in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit to ensure that reclamation will be completed to the satisfaction of the County's Development Authority.
- 10.11.13 A disturbed area shall be reclaimed to:
- At least its former capability; or
 - Any other use, which the Development Authority feels, will be beneficial to the County.
- 10.11.14 Public consultation shall be completed within 1,500 m of the proposed site, and details included with the application.
2. Invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this bylaw shall not affect the validity of any other part of this bylaw, which can be given effect with such invalid part or parts.
3. This bylaw comes into force upon third and final reading and signing in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*.

FIRST READING GIVEN the 6th day of January 2026.

SECOND READING GIVEN the 16th day of June 2026.

THIRD READING GIVEN the 7th day of July 2026.

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SIGNED

E. MUNCK
Reeve

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D. OYARZUN
County CAO

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